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210, 213 AND 224

SUMMARY: MOST DELEGATES THAT SPOKE VOICED SATISFACTION
UNDP'S PROGRESS TO DATE AS CATALYST AND PROMOTOR IN
HELPING LAUNCH THE CRUCIAL NEW DIMENSION ON TECHNICAL
COOPERATION. HOWEVER, BRAZIL AND INDIA (1)
VOICED STRONG UNHAPPINESS WITH GENERAL PACE AND WITH
BUT PERIPHERAL ATTENTION UNDP GIVING TCDC AND (2) JOINTLY
AUTHORED DETAILED DRAFT DECISION DESIGNED FURTHER
SANCTIFY ALL RECOMMENDATIONS WORKING GROUP REPORT AND
PUSH UNDP AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT
ALL RECOMMENDATIONS ASPA. USDEL AMENDMENT TO DRAFT
DECISION REMINDING COUNCIL ITS PREVIOUS DECISION
FURTHER REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF WG ON TCDC
MANAGED RECALL TO COUNCIL ITS UNFINISHED
BUSINESS AND RESTORE SOME BALANCE TO DECISION IT
APPROVED 27 JUNE . END SUMMARY.

1. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL INTRODUCED ITEM UPDATING
INFORMATION CONTAINED DP 117, 120 AND 121, INDICATING
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(1) TCDC STAFF FROM UNDP HAD RECENTLY VISITED HEADS

OF ALL UN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND NUMEROUS COUNTRIES
RE PLANNING THE UPCOMING REGIONAL TCDC MEETINGS;
(2) RECENT PROGRESS TOWARD ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH
A WORLDWIDE TCDC INFORMATION SYSTEM; AND (3) RECENT TCDC
MEETING OF 34 FRENCH SPEAKING COUNTRIES IN TUNESIA.

2. EIGHTEEN DELEGATIONS SPOKE TO ITEM--PAKISTAN, FRG,
CHILE, PHILIPPINES, BRAZIL, PERU, KUWAIT, CUBA, BELGIUM,
U.S., SWEDEN, IRAN, ARGENTINA, INDIA, MALTA, JAPAN,
INDONESIA, YUGOSLAVIA. EXCEPTING KUWAIT AND BRAZIL,
ALL INTERVENTIONS WERE BRIEF WITH UNDP GETTING GOOD
MARKS FOR ITS RECENT TCDC PUBLICITY EFFORTS THE
REPORT WRITTEN BY ITS TRAVELING CONSULTANT
AND WITH A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (PAKISTAN,
BRAZIL, KUWAIT, IRAN, YUGOSLAVIA) INDICATING HOW THEY
HAVE RECENTLY SET UP FOCAL POINT OR WHOLE DEPARTMENT TO
COORDINATE THEIR TCDC AND OTHER ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.

3. OTHER POINTS:

(A) BRAZIL--EXPRESSED GENERAL UNHAPPINESS HOW
UNDP AND AGENCIES HANDLING TCDC, CRITICIZING EVERYTHING
FROM CAVILER ATTENTION TCDC IN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT,
GENERAL LACK OF COMMITMENT AND SENSE OF URGENCY RE
ESTABLISHING THE INFORMATION SYSTEM, TAKING IMPORTANT
TCDC GA RES 3251 FULLY INTO ACCOUNT, MOVING QUICKLY
ON HOLDING REGIONAL MEETINGS, SETTING UP ROSTERS OF
LDC EXPERTS, REPORTING TO THE GC IN FAR MORE DEPTH,
PLACING SOMETHING MEANINGFUL ON TCDC BEFORE THE 7TH
SPECIAL SESSION, ETC.

(C) PERU--SAID TCDC WAS A CARDINAL PART OF THE
NIEO AND AS SUCH UNDP'S EFFORTS IN THIS AREA
SHOULD NOT BE ISOLATED FROM OTHER COORDINATING PLANS
AND MECHANISMS OF THE LDC'S SUCH AS TH ALGIERS GROUP
AND OTHER LDC POLICY COORDINATING GROUPS AND EFFORTS.

(C) KUWAIT--SAID IT PLANNED OFFER FINANCIAL SUPPORT
TCDC EFFORTS, AND HOPES SEE SOME OF ITS NATIONAL
INSTITUTES FORMERLY ASSISTED BY UNDP (TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AND WATER RESOURCES) TURNED INTO REGIONAL INSTITUTES THAT
WOULD EQUALLY SERVE RELATED NEEDS KUWAIT NEIGHBORS IN
A SPEEDY, COST EFFECTIVE MANNER. KUWAIT BRIEFLY DES-
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CRIBED WHAT KUWAIT FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS
DOING TO ASSIST LDC'S AND REQUESTED THAT UNDP PUBLISH
A HOW TO DO IT TCDC GUIDE.

(D) BELGIUM--URGED IMPORTANCE BOTH IMAGINATION AND
GOOD WILL AND SAID IT INITIATING A THIRD COUNTRY FINANCING
PROGRAM UNDER WHICH IT WOULD FUND SOME NON-BELGIUM
ASSOCIATE EXPERTS FOR A NUMBER OF FAO PROJECTS.

(E) INDONESIA--WANTS TO SEE UNDP PLAY A MATCH MAKER

ROLE ESPECIALLY IN PROMITING AND COORDINATING INTER
UNIVERSITY, INTER-HOSPITAL, ETC, TWINNING ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN LDC INSTITUTIONS.

(F) INDIA--ADVOCATED LDC'S SHOULD BE GIVEN A "FIRST
REFUSAL" POSSIBILITY IN THE PROCUREMENT OF UNDP FINANCED
EQUIPMENT, EXPERTS AND TRAINING FACILITIES AND, IN ANY
CASE, SHOULD AT LEAST BE GIVEN CERTAIN
PRICE ADVANTAGE FOR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES. INDIAN DEL ALSO
SUGGESTED THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF EXPERTS FROM
LDC'S BE INCLUDED IN THE SHORT LIST OF EXPERTS
SUGGESTED TO RECIPIENT COUNTRY.

4. U.S. INTERVENTION--IN ADDITION, MAKING POINTS 1-6
CONTAINED POSITION PAPER, U.S. SAID, SINCE IT SHARED
GENERAL PATEL VIEW THAT TCDC COMPLIMENTS OTHER DEVELOP-
MENT TOOLS, IT IS OPINION THAT LIKE BEST USE OF THESE OTHER
DEVELOPMENT TOOLS, TCDC WOULD LIKEWISE BENEFIT IF MORE
ATTENTION PAID TO ITS OUTPUTS THAN PAID TO ITS INPUTS
AND THE SOURCE OF SUCH INPUTS.

5. IN SUMMING UP OF DISCUSSION, PATEL REMINDED INDIAN
DELEGATE THAT THE COST OF ANY LDC PRICE ADVANTAGE
SUBSIDY ON EQUIPMENT, ETC., FINANCED FROM ANY UNDP
GENERAL FUND WOULD BE IN THE LAST ANALYSIS BE BORN BY
THE LDC'S THEMSELVES AS IT WOULD REDUCE THE OVERALL
AMOUNT OF AID THEY AS A GROUP WOULD OTHERWISE RECEIVE. DALE

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